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Listing of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable, frame supported, outdoor tent enclosure of flexible material for protecting occupants from at least some elements of nature comprising:

a wall panel of flexible material forming an outer wall of the enclosure and having an opening formed therein of sufficient size to allow an air conditioning unit to be inserted through the opening; and

a sleeve of flexible material connected to the wall panel and extending in at least an inwardly direction with respect to the wall panel, the sleeve having at least an inner end sealingly securable with respect to the air conditioning unit to be installed by engaging the peripheral inner end of the sleeve against an external surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed through the sleeve.

- 2. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 1 further comprising: a flap of flexible material for covering the opening through the wall panel when the air conditioning unit is not installed.
- 3. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 2 further comprising: means for attaching the flap to the wall panel, wherein the flap is movable between a storage position when not covering the opening through the wall panel and a closed position covering the opening through the wall panel.
- 4. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 1 further comprising: an outer flap of flexible material located on an outer surface of the wall panel.
- 5. (Currently Amended) [[The]] <u>A portable</u> outdoor enclosure of elaim 4 further comprising: of flexible material for protecting occupants from at least some elements of nature comprising:

a wall panel of flexible material forming an outer wall of the enclosure and having an opening formed therein of sufficient size to allow an air conditioning unit to be inserted through the opening;

a sleeve of flexible material connected to the wall panel and extending in at least an inwardly direction with respect to the wall panel, the sleeve having at

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least an inner end sealingly securable with respect to the air conditioning unit to be installed by engaging the peripheral inner end of the sleeve against an external surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed through the sleeve;

an outer flap of flexible material located on an outer surface of the wall panel; and

an inner flap of flexible material located on an inner surface of the wall panel in order to completely enclose the sleeve of flexible material between the inner flap and outer flap when the sleeve is not in use.

- 6. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 1 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including an elastic periphery at the peripheral inner end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 7. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 1 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including a draw string periphery at the peripheral inner end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 8. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 1 further comprising: the sleeve extending in an outwardly direction with respect to the wall panel, the sleeve having an outer end sealingly securable with respect to the air conditioning unit to be installed by engaging the peripheral outer end of the sleeve against an external surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed through the sleeve.
- 9. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 8 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including an elastic periphery at the peripheral outer end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 10. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 8 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including a draw string periphery at the peripheral outer end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.

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- 11. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>In a portable, non-air-supported,</u> outdoor <u>tent</u> enclosure of flexible material for protecting occupants from at least some elements of nature, the enclosure readily convertable from an erected <u>configuration to a more compact disassembled configuration for transportation, the improvement comprising:</u>
- a wall panel of flexible material forming an outer wall of the enclosure and having an opening formed therein of sufficient size to allow an air conditioning unit to be inserted through the opening; and
- a sleeve of flexible material connected to the wall panel and extending in an inwardly direction and an outwardly direction with respect to the wall panel, the sleeve having an inner end and an outer end sealingly securable with respect to the air conditioning unit to be installed by engaging the peripheral inner end and outer end of the sleeve against an external surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed through the sleeve.
- 12. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 11 further comprising: a flap of flexible material for covering the opening through the wall panel when the air conditioning unit is not installed.
- 13. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 12 further comprising: means for attaching the flap to the wall panel, wherein the flap is movable between a storage position when not covering the opening through the wall panel and a closed position covering the opening through the wall panel.
- 14. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 11 further comprising: an outer flap of flexible material located on an outer surface of the wall panel.
- 15. (Currently Amended) [[The]] <u>A portable</u> outdoor enclosure of elaim 14 further comprising: of flexible material for protecting occupants from at least some elements of nature comprising:

a wall panel of flexible material forming an outer wall of the enclosure and having an opening formed therein of sufficient size to allow an air conditioning unit to be inserted through the opening:

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a sleeve of flexible material connected to the wall panel and extending in an inwardly direction and an outwardly direction with respect to the wall panel, the sleeve having an inner end and an outer end sealingly securable with respect to the air conditioning unit to be installed by engaging the peripheral inner end and outer end of the sleeve against an external surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed through the sleeve;

an outer flap of flexible material located on an outer surface of the wall panel; and

an inner flap of flexible material located on an inner surface of the wall panel in order to completely enclose the sleeve of flexible material between the inner flap and outer flap when the sleeve is not in use.

- 16. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 11 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including an elastic periphery at the peripheral inner end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 17. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 11 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including a draw string periphery at the peripheral inner end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 18. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 11 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including an elastic periphery at the peripheral outer end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 19. (Original) The outdoor enclosure of claim 11 further comprising: the sleeve engagable with the window air conditioning unit including a draw string periphery at the peripheral outer end of the sleeve to tightly engage with an exterior surface of the air conditioning unit to be installed.
- 20. (Currently Amended) A portable, <u>non-air-supported</u>, outdoor <u>tent</u> enclosure of flexible material for protecting occupants from at least some elements of nature, the enclosure including structure means for at least partially supporting the

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flexible material distinct and separate from the flexible material and any enclosed volume of air, the supporting structure means giving support and shape to the flexible material, the enclosure comprising:

a flexible material side wall defining an enclosed space and having an aperture extending therethrough;

a sleeve connected to and extending through the aperture in the side wall with at least one outer peripheral end of the sleeve spaced from the side wall; and

means for sealingly engaging the at least one outer peripheral end of the sleeve with an exterior surface of an air conditioning unit to be installed through the sleeve for conditioning an internal environment within the enclosed space.